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Seattle, WA 98115

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Cary Osterhaus  
District Manager  
Roseburg BLM District  
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd.  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Re: Addendum to June 18, 1997 Biological Opinion on Timber Sales on the Roseburg BLM District, Umpqua River Basin

Dear Mr. Osterhaus:

This letter responds to a June 24, 1997 facsimile from Don Hicks, Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District, which listed some corrections to the proposed and ongoing actions as described in the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) June 18, 1997 Biological Opinion (Opinion) on certain timber sales on the Roseburg BLM District. These corrections to proposed and ongoing actions would not result in any significant changes in potential effects of the timber sales on listed salmonids or their habitat. Therefore, the NMFS conclusion that the subject actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Umpqua River cutthroat trout, Oregon Coast coho salmon, or Oregon Coast steelhead trout would not change.

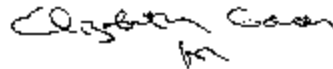
The Opinion and Attachment 2 refer to regeneration harvest as clearcutting. The June 24, 1997 facsimile points out that regeneration harvest is not clearcutting, because a small number of green trees are left in both the modified reserve seed-tree and modified irregular shelterwood systems of stand regeneration harvest. The Opinion states that some new permanent roads would be constructed in association with the Bit-of-Honey Timber Sale and that no timber harvest would occur in riparian reserves in any of the timber sales. In fact, no new permanent road would be constructed for the Bit-of-Honey Timber Sale. Some thinning would occur in riparian reserves in the Coon Creek, Foghorn-Cleghorn, and O.M. Hubbard Commercial Thin Timber sales. The purpose of the thinning in riparian reserves is "to accelerate the attainment of large trees to serve as a future source of large woody debris" and would be consistent with Aquatic



Conservation Strategy (ACS) objectives. There would be no yarding through riparian areas and directional felling of trees away from riparian areas is required.

If you have any additional corrections or questions regarding consultation and conferencing on these actions, please contact Ron Lindland at 503-231-2315 or Lance Smith at 503-231-2307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Stelle, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Stelle, Jr.  
Regional Administrator

cc: D. Rivard- Roseburg BLM